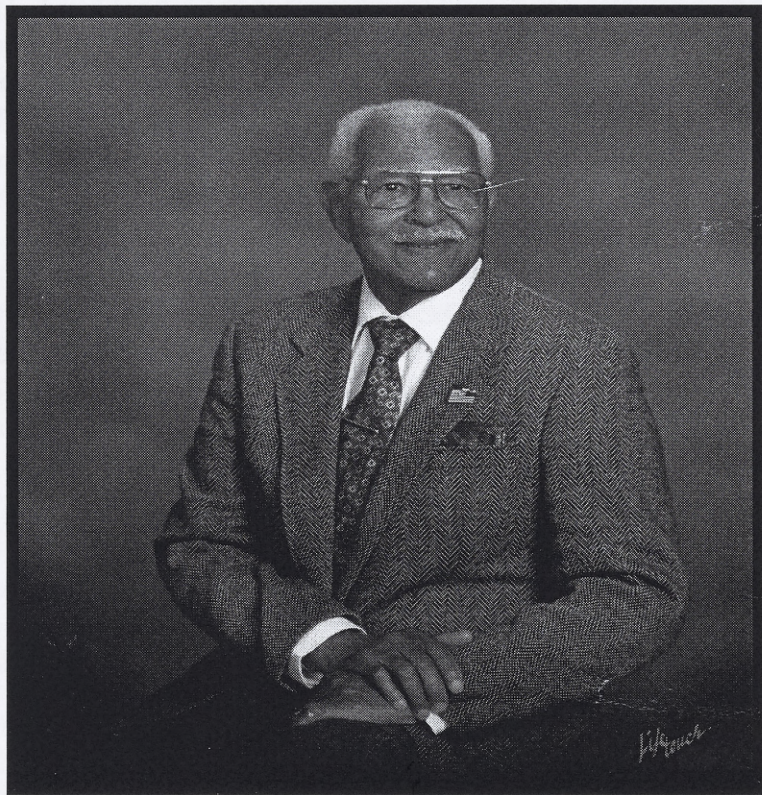


IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
**DEACON NATHANIEL BOYCE**

Sunrise: July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1923 —Sunset: July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006



**Services Held**

**Thursday, August 3, 2006**

**ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**662 So. 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Richmond, California**

**Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor**



## Obituary

Nathaniel Boyce was born July 17, 1923 in Phoenix, Arizona to Oliver Boyce and Malier Henderson-Boyce. He was the younger brother of Algra Boyce and Lossie Boyce. He had moved from Arizona to California with his parents, where he did most of his schooling in Madera and Atwater. He played the trumpet in the school band. He entered into the United States Army right after graduating Atwater High School, where he served his country proudly. He was decorated with honors and medals for service above the call of duty, World War II victory, TWX WD and Good Conduct, along with the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star and Asiatic Pacific Campaign. He was also a sharp shooter 03 rifle and ammunition handler.

It was during this time in his life he met Maude Davis, which later on he went on to marry. They had on child, whose name was Dolores Boyce-McKelvy. They also, extended out the family which also included Estelle Taylor and Terry Davis. They had a strong love and bond for family and stayed in touch with as many loved ones as possible.

Nathaniel Boyce accepted Christ at a young age and was a lifetime member of Saint John Missionary Baptist Church in the late 1940's, going as far back as Reverend Johnson. He established great bonds with the members and faculty. It was, here, he was an established deacon. He, also, participated in the Men's Chorus, and was a gracious usher.

He was kind to anyone he came in contact with. If someone needed any help or assistance he was the type of man who would give his 110 percent to help, and if for any reason he was not able to help, he would get people from around him to assist.

He lived a comfortable life among people who truly cared for him. Comfortable, in the sense that he was complete based on the love and compassion that he was blessed to receive from others.

He was also complete in the comfort of being able to travel, especially by driving. It was a relaxing pass time for him. Wilhelmina McKelvy, his grand daughter, remembers on numerous occasions where he would impress her, when she was younger, by driving with

his knee, flaunting the fact that he could drive with no hands. She mistakenly told her mother, where he heard an earful over Sunday dinner.

When Wilhelmina was older, Nathaniel took his grand daughter by surprise when she looked to the fast lane of the freeway and saw her grandfather SPEEDING past her. It wasn't a surprise that he was out riding, what surprised her was the fact that when she looked down at HER speedometer it already said 90 MPH. Nathaniel was really on the move that day. He was also a 33<sup>rd</sup> degree member of the Masons for many years dating past 1950. His life was full of movement. Some people cannot recall a time frame where did not have anything to do.

After the passing of Maude in 1984, he drove his car a lot more. Dolores and Wilhelmina moved back home with him to help. He was too proud of a man to admit that he needed help and coped by going on long distance car rides.

He traveled down to Merced on numerous occasions to visit with family and friends. It was here he met his most recent wife, Gwendolyn Boyce.

He will be greatly missed by his entire family and Army Comrad, Elder Andrew Brown. Preceding him in death was his father Oliver Boyce, mother – Mailer Henderson-Boyce, first wife – Maude Eudean Davis-Boyce, brother – Algra Boyce, and sister – Lossie Boyce-Jones, and Frances “Jennie Skipper” Almond.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Gwendolyn Boyce of Merced, California, Grand Daughter, Wilhelmina Mc Kelvy-Di ‘Leonardi, Great Grandson – Nathaniel Jelani Boyce Mckelvy-Clark, and seven children Benecia, Bobby, Kasan, Felisha, Jamel, and Amenah; also, Nephews, Allen , Al Jr. and nieces, Dorothy Woods, Evelyn Jones, and Shaunna Davis, and a host of Nieces and Nephews. There were more people in Nathaniel Boyce's full life that will miss him as well and we will miss him immensely.

**“Thank you Brother Nathaniel Boyce for enriching all of our lives. You truly have left a great impression on us all.”**



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## DEACON NATHANIEL BOYCE

Musical Prelude .....Sister Willa Gaye Williams  
Processional .....Clergy and Family  
Scripture.....Old Testament..... Elder Alec Wynne  
                  .....New Testament..... Reverend Otis Harris  
Prayer .....Evangelist Shauna Davis  
Solo.....Sister Willa Gaye Williams

### Acknowledgments

Resolution(s) ..... Sister Ann Lucas  
Expressions..... Two (2) minutes Please  
Deacon Lee Arthur Johnson  
Deacon Nick Waller  
Allen "Sonny Boy" Boyce

Solo .....Sister Willa Gaye Williams  
Obituary..... Read Silently  
Solo .....Sister Willa Gaye Williams  
Words of Comfort.....Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor

### Parting View

Internment  
Active Pallbearers  
Deacons of St. John Missionary Baptist Church  
Honorary Pallbearer

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Family of Deacon Nathaniel Boyce would like to thank all of our family and friends for their heartfelt prayers, words of encouragement and other expressions of support during this time of bereavement. It is the kindness that you have shown through your words and deeds that has strengthened our hearts.